



Chamirne Perera

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In Tune caught up with two interesting guys last week whose resourcefulness with songs shelved by them over the years has been of great service to hundreds of music fans and musicians.

When Chamirne Perera, the proprietor of Chamirne Recording Studio at Moratuwa, started buying cassettes for a collection of songs in 1994, he had just finished his studies. He did not have any idea to have a recording studio at this point for he did not think for a moment at that time that his destiny has

planned to leave him with a treasury of 100,000 songs by 1997.

Poshitha Pathirana, producer of Master PO's song collections, on the other hand, ventured into collecting songs with his interest to learn the art of recording.

He would stop by at a record bar situated on the overhead bridge of Maradana on his way home from school, and would start operating those machines in that mall with his owner and his friend Sujeeva to look on.

Soon he realizes his talent in recording and develops an ear to music, as a result of which he starts making song collection.

He buys cassettes. The compact discs are not known then. It was somewhere in the 80s, Poshitha remembered.

He is presently planning to make his way to mass production of song CDs rising from his private residential recordings.

"This was a magical time of music. I was so fascinated by the music at the time by artists such as Stevie Wonder, Kool and the Gang, Phil Collins, Cyndi Lauper, Madonna and Bob Marley in particular. It was music that prompted me to collect them," Poshitha said, he has about 60,000 to 80,000 songs in his hold.

From EPs, Vynils and Spools to CDs

The collectors' tale

When Chamirne established his company in 1997 he had about 15,000 CDs to cater to his clients. His service was in much demand by the professionals in the field of music with his all-round collection of songs.

Chamirne also has hundreds of EPs and LPs (Vynil Records). He has an invaluable collection of EPs containing music of the 30s and the 40s. As of today he helps other musicians to record their songs from Eps, LPs or old spools tapes to CDs.

He has been doing CD mastering for other recording artists for the last five years. Among his clients are pastors. Chamirne said, "I have gathered a large number of Gospel songs, 8,000 of them, an impressive collection." The Reverends need to my place to get them recorded," he said.

Mobile Djs and Club Djs often visit Chamirne to benefit from his collection of Remixes.

Also, members of Gypsies and Sohan and the Xperiments and artists like Corrine frequent his studio.

As pointed out by Poshitha Pathirana, he loves collecting songs which are difficult to find. "I have a lot of rock songs in my collections. There are some very old rock songs which I have taken from spool tapes to CDs for future use," he said.

"I have walked miles to collect some songs which I wanted to find. I would comb an entire area to find just one song," he said.

"This is not only to satisfy myself one would see it. I collect them so that others may benefit by my activity. It is not easy to preserve them.

These tapes and CDs needed to be kept and used carefully. It needs a fair amount of patience," he added.

Chamirne said, he was able to remember the place of any CD



Poshitha Pathirana

in his collection. "I can locate any song in these shelves without having to use a computer or having to refer to any catalog."

In fact, both Chamirne and Poshitha share this common quality of being able to find any given song available with them in a minute. As explained by them this is a habit come by itself as result of their concern on the material they collect.

Hi folks,

There are thousands of websites on the net that provide you with numerous music downloads. Any one can download a song that he or she wants within minutes there are many folks who have become "music download addicts" because of the situation.

Press a plastic key and get it all. The music you once thought hard to find is now near like never before. But did you ever think for a moment that Obesity is the next best thing you would get as a result of your addiction to download music.

How about taking a brisk walk instead and go out to find your much longed for CD from a nearby music store. Who knows you might end up making friends with one or two persons at that store. You might as well get a chance to put forth your ideas about a particular song that you came across recently.

This is all about fighting obesity with tact. Giving up the ghost of becoming one of those music download addicts to live more fully with music.

The so called music download addicts do not belong to the category of their prototype, the music collectors who know some things about songs and the bands that play them.

A true music collector will prefer to have an original CD album of a band in his collection as against a transfer from it. The collector has a "let's go-ga-jogging" attitude to find songs.

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Song bank

HERO

- Mariah Carey



Intro: piano
E E/D# C#m C#m/B A A/G# F#m
Mmmm - mmmm
E E/D
There's a hero, if you look inside your heart
C#m Bsus4,B
You don't have to be afraid of what you are
E D
There's an answer, if you reach into your soul
C9 Bsus4 B
And the sorrow that you know will melt a way
piano
(same as first)
It's a long road, and you face the world alone
No one reaches out a hand for you to hold
You can find love, search within yourself
And the emptiness you bear will disappear

chorus
Ooh - ooh
C G/B G D
Lord knows - things are hard to follow
C G D
But don't let anyone take that a way
C G/B G D
Hold on - there will be tomorrow
C G Bsus4,B
In time you find the way

last chorus
E E/D# C#m C#m/B A
And then a hero comes a long, with the strength to carry on
A/G# F#m B E
And you cast your fears aside, and you know you can survive
E/D# C#m C#m/B D A
So, when you feel like hope is gone, look inside you and be strong
A/G# F#m Bsus4,B E
And you finally see the truth, that a hero lies in you

C#m B A
B
That a hero lies in you
piano - as intro
Mmm-mmm, that a hero lies in you

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Biography

USA Nicknames
Songbird
MC
Mirage
Mimi

Date of Birth
27 March 1969,
Huntington,
New York,

Height 5' 9 1/2"
(1.76 m)

Mariah Carey on the importance of her music, "One person could say, "Hero" is a schizmaty piece of garbage", but another person can write me a letter and say, "I've considered committing suicide every day of my life for the last ten years until I heard that song and I realized after all I can be my own hero". And that, that's an unexplainable feeling, like I've done something with my life, ya know?"

Sajjad on track with Kadaliye

From the hills of Kandy a trilingual musical style blending the sounds of both East and West, has emerged. Sajjad Hassen believes that this style of his can transcend language barriers.

"I try to highlight indigenous features in Sri Lankan music with my compositions," he said.

Sajjad recently released his new single "Kadaliye, which is a trilingual fusion track running on high powered hip hop beat. He is set on working out a music video for the track. He is

currently working on an Ethnic and Urban album, to be released in the course of 2009.

He introduced his first song album "Kurulu Handin" in 1998 under the guidance of his mentors Lafir Shueed and Nirmala Herath. The album comprised songs dealing with children, education culture and peace.

With the album being introduced to YA TV Managing Director Hilmy Ahamed, he was presented



with the opportunity to produce music videos for three of its selected tracks. One of them was "Paraviyo" which topped Rasa Risi Gee charts in 1999.

Sajjad went into digital and software aided music during his school years at Trinity College. He made his track titled "Tuition", which became popular and was made a music video as a school boy. The song titled "Sil Suwanda" by him won him Ratnadeepa Award in

2001. After finishing his education at Trinity College, Sajjad made his way into mainstream music with selected tracks. "Wasantha Samaye", which he worked with Sachin and Rakshitha. Wasantha Samaye received wide air play from local radio stations. His solo "Mata Kiyanna Nam Epa, which was released in 2007 proved to be a huge success.

Sajjad took his music beyond the borders of Sri Lanka participating at the launch of the Universal Enterprises in Maldives, which was held in June 2008.

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Brit awards

Action at the Brit awards on February 18, 2009 at the Earl's Court exhibition centre in West London The annual event looks to honour the successful artists from the British music scene over the previous year.



British band Elbow arrive at the Brit awards at the Earl's Court exhibition centre. The band went on to win the "Best British Group" category. AFP



British singer and songwriter Florence and the Machine arrives at the Earl's Court exhibition centre. The singer went on to win the "Critics' Choice" category. AFP



Australian singer Kylie Minogue arrives at the Brit awards. The singer was this year's guest presenter. AFP



US singer Katy Perry at the Brit awards at the Earl's Court exhibition centre. AFP